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GOOD GOODS OUR SPECIALTY

## Local Brevities.

The steamer Elmore arrived yesterday from Tillamook.

Mrs. Mike Seppa, of the Lewis and Clark, yesterday presented her husband with a bouncing boy.

The steamship Elder departed this morning for San Francisco. She took on at Astoria a large quantity of freight.

The schooner Mable Gale cleared this morning for San Francisco, with a big cargo of lumber. She takes 900,000 feet.

A marriage license was issued late yesterday afternoon, to William D. McMullen, and Lydia Smith, both of Clatsop county.

During the absence of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Swope, who are at present in San Francisco, the Up-to-Date Studio is open as usual.

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Much fruit is in cold storage at Houston for the Texas fruit exhibit at the World's fair. Among the fruit are Ponderosa lemons larger than Rocky Ford melons. Some of these specimens weight as much as two pounds.

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The number of illiterate children in the United States between ten and fourteen years of age is: In Alabama, 66,072; Georgia, 63,329; Louisiana, 55,691; South Carolina, 51,536; North Carolina, 51,199; Mississippi, 44,334; Tennessee, 36,276.

The gasoline schooner Gerald C., belonging to Fisher Brothers, arrived in port this morning from Nestucca. The schooner was wrecked at Nestucca several months ago while entering the river and only recently was floated. She is in command of Captain Tabell.

Fred Johnson, the well known dairy man, has bought out V. H. Coffey, the grower, and will assume control of the business January 1. Associated with Mr. Johnson will be his brother, Albert Johnson of this city. Mr. Coffey will probably locate in California, though he had contemplated moving into Washington.

The Italian ship Ninfa is now loading at Portland for Cape Town. Thus far this year all previous records both in foreign and the coastwise trade have been smashed in the way of lumber, the exportation having been enormous. The Ninfa and the other members of the fleet fixed will get away during the early months of the new year, and, besides creating a larger fleet than the grain vessels, will start the list in a manner that gives promise of Portland having another banner season in 1904.

A letter has been received by Manager Barker of the Commercial Club football team, from the manager of the Chemawa team asking for a game on New Year's day at Salem. To judge by this the beaten Indians are by no means vanquished. The local team however, will be unable to accept the invitation, as the organization has disbanded for the season. The intention of allowing the game of Christmas day to end the season will be adhered to.

Officers were elected by the Clerks' union last evening. The installation will be at the next meeting. The gentlemen elected to serve for the ensuing year are as follows: President, C. W. Spriggs; first vice-president, William Ross; second vice-president, A. J. Henderson; financial secretary, Walter Adams; recording secretary, Charles Gray; treasurer, R. W. McLean; guide Ludwig Carlson; guardian, Thomas Carlson. There was no other business at last night's meeting but of a routine nature and adjournment was had at an early hour.

According to Major P. J. Craigie of the Royal Statistical Society, the annual food imports of Great Britain during the years 1889-91 amounted to \$23.20 per head of population. Nearly half of Sir Robert Griffin's estimate of \$11 per head as the average outlay for all forms of food and drink of the Briton is spent on imported foods. The use of meat had greatly increased. In the 1857-59 period sea-borne meat amounted to but five pounds per head, now it is over fifty-three pounds. He suggested that possibly this large in-

crease in the use of meat had not been wholly beneficial in its effects on the health and prosperity of the nation.

John Miller, a resident of the west end, was up before Justice Goodman this morning on a charge of larceny. Miller says he came to Astoria about four weeks ago from Portland. He has been a sailor and the drink habit and he are old friends. He went to work for John Henderson, in West Astoria, sawing wood on the bench. Last Saturday Henderson missed his saw and suspicion pointed to Miller as the culprit. He was arrested and this morning pleaded guilty. Judge Goodman fined him \$6.25, but agreed to suspend sentence on condition that Miller go to Fort Stevens, where the officers secured employment for him. He left town on the noon train, with the promise that he would not again become involved in trouble.

There will be a big crowd at the Commercial Club entertainment tonight, for nearly all the seats have been sold. This is the first entertainment to be given by the club and upon its success depends the future course of the athletic committee in arranging for events of the kind. That there is great interest in tonight's main event is evident from the fact that several well known Portlanders arrived in the city at noon to see the Queenan-Muller go. Both men are in fine shape and their boxing bout will be a first-class exhibition of the manly art. The other numbers on the program will likewise prove interesting, and there is little question that gentlemen's nights at the gymnasium will prove popular.

Balfour, Guthrie & Co., have chartered the American barkentine Echo to carry lumber from the Columbia river to Iquique. She is a craft with a capacity of 950,000. The American barkentine Georgina, which takes a cargo measuring 1,175,000 feet, has also been fixed. She is under engagement to the Pacific Export Lumber Company for the orient, and the schooner Mathew Turner has been taken by the Eddy Falk & American Trading Company for Sydney, with the option of Melbourne or Adelaide. The schooner's capacity is about equal to that of the Georgina. This brings the list of the smaller un-der droghers under charter to load foreign to five, the others being the schooner W. F. Garms and schooner Annie E. Smale.

In line with the establishment of a gas buoy at the mouth of the Columbia river, Captain C. G. Calkins has caused the following notice to be issued: "Notice is hereby given that Clatsop Spit gas buoy, a red conical buoy, surmounted by a cage inclosing lantern, showing a fixed white light during periods of five seconds, separated by eclipses of six seconds, was established December 23, in 56 feet of water off the northwest point of Clatsop Spit, Columbia river. Cape Disappointment lighthouse, northwest five-eighths north; Desdemona Sands lighthouse, east one-fourth north; Point Adams, (discontinued) lighthouse, southeast by east one-half east. This buoy is placed as an experiment only, and it may be discontinued without further notice. This notice affects the List of Lights and Fog Signals, Pacific Coast, 1903, page 28, after No. 91. Also List of Beacons and Buoys, Pacific Coast, 1903, page 52."

The list of coasters at Portland is smaller than it has been for months. The schooner Virginia is expected to finish in time to leave down Friday, and the barkentine T. P. Emigh may also complete her load before the advent of 1904. The schooner Salvador is taking ties at Hoffman's and will move over to St. Helens in a day or two to finish. The schooner Melrose is yet at Vancouver. The millmen are considering the advisability of employing a dredge to deepen the channel so that she may cross the sand bar, as was done in the case of the American ship Two Brothers, which made a lengthy stay there. The Melrose loaded in a small lagoon and is now hemmed in. It is not improbable that a portion of her cargo may be lightered, so that she can be extracted from her position with less expense. The dredge North Pacific dug a 19-foot channel there at the time of the Two Brothers' delay, and it was thought there was more than enough water to float the Melrose, but it is apparent that the dredging did not have a permanent effect.

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### Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the committee on Streets and Public Ways of the common council of the City of Astoria, Superintendent of Streets and City Surveyor have filed with the Auditor and Police Judge of said City a certificate of the acceptance of the improvement of Franklin avenue, from the west line of Fifth street to the west line of Ninth street, under ordinance No. 2831, by L. Lebeck, the contractor, and unless objections are filed against the same, said improvement will be accepted by ordinance at the next regular meeting of said council.

OLOF ANDERSON,  
Auditor and Police Judge.

Dated Astoria, Oregon, December 29, 1903.

Guy P. Halferty, who has been in Astoria and vicinity for the past week, will leave this evening for his home at Markham, Wash., via Portland.

### Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, of Beall, Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's new discovery after every thing else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her. Guaranteed by Chas. Rogers, druggist. Price 50c, and \$1.00. Trial bottles free."

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